

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, as follows:

The present invention is suitable for use with systems and techniques of the sort described in applicant's WO-9748059 (US Patent No. 6,226,620) entitled 'Iterative problem solving technique', WO- 9844432 (US Patent No. 6,408,266) entitled 'Didactic and content oriented word processing method with incrementally changed belief system', WO-0139037 (US Patent No. 7,222,066) entitled 'A unitary language for problem solving resources for knowledge based services', WO-014652 (US Patent No. 7,321,861) entitled 'Automation oriented healthcare delivery system based on medical scripting language', and WO-03034274 (US Patent No. 7,555,425) entitled 'System and method of improved recording of medical transactions', but as will be clear to a skilled reader the invention is not limited to such use. The content of the above publications are included herein by reference thereto.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26, as follows:

The invention therefore relates to the provision of a system of personal identification, in which the identifier keys can be generated *de novo* by a service provider or by a plurality of service providers, or by any user on a *pro re nata* basis. Those involved in the generation of the identifier key need not be in any form of communication, and can be separated in time and in space, the resultant key generated being the same and unique for the particular individual person, containing global positioning system information, being jurisprudence independent and failsafe. This

solution clearly goes far beyond the concept of a central national or regional ID system. The invention enables powerful cross-referencing of information, and significantly enhances the retrieval and merging of data collected pertaining to that individual in a healthcare or other context.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14, as follows:

In accordance with the present invention, the place of birth datum is incorporated as a subcomponent of a unique personal identifier. An identical unique personal identifier can be generated *de novo* for a given patient, at one or more service locations by service providers working incommunicado, based on information that can be readily supplied by the patient or client, informant, governmental records or birth certificate. The location of current illness context can be obtained from the healthcare provider identifier which contains ~~with contains~~ embedded GPS information. Such a medical transaction, held in an SQL (STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE) database, with these two vital key attributes carrying a cogent and coded medical data payload, provides an extremely rich information resource for epidemiological analysis.